# NANCY HART THE CONFEDERATE SPY SPENT HER LAST DAYS IN POCAHONTAS COUNTY

In Roane County, during the Civil War, was a band of Guerillas who were not regular soldiers and to this band belonged Perry Connelly. Many deaths were blamed to him and it became a matter of prime importance with the Union forces to get rid of Connelly. To this same band belonged Nancy Hart. She was a girl in her twenties, black eyed, of medium height, of modern education, very active and very beautiful. She was a Confederate bred in the bone. She was the eyes of this local army. Connelly's death caused the little army to disintergate and the soldiers found their way into the regular Confederate army, but Nancy Hart continued to be of great service to the army as a spy.

She was captured and held as a spy in the jail at Summersville. After a time the soldiers guarding her grew careless and underestimated the danger of their charge. She was allowed some freedom about the jail yard, and she talked freely to the soldiers. One night she approached one of the sentinels and engaged him in conversation. She was allowed to examine a pistol that he carried. When she secured the pistol she shot him and made her escape. She fled to the mountain wilderness and she was not taken again.

Nancy Hart married Joshua Douglas, and they settled in

the great mountain wilderness around the head of Spring Creek and but for one more tragedy she rounded out a peaceful and contented life in her mountain home.

In 1880 the country rang with the news of the killin of Thomas Reed by Kenos Douglas. Douglas lay in a laurel patch for five weeks in the dead of winter, but was captured and given a life sentence. Kenos was a son of Joshua and Nancy Hart Douglas. This is the story of a heroine of the Civil War.

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By---Andrew Price

(I have made considerable inqmiry about this woman and as near as I can find out she lived Pocahontas and the Reeds lived in Greenbrier, and for that reason the trial was held at Lewisburg.)

JOHN BROWN IN POCAHONTAS

John Brown of Harper's Ferry bought wool in this county in the 1850's. He spent Sunday in Marlinton. Held family prayer but did not kneel. He sat in his chair talking to God. Was a deeply religious man who would not travel on Sunday.

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THE COMING OF JAMES HENRY G. WILSON TO MARLINTON

About the year 1894, the Prices one day received a letter from Wilson in England saying he was just out of college, of athletic turn, with a thousand pounds capital, and would like to obtain footing in the United States. They wrote him to come and see for himself. About the first of September he came with his boxes, driving through from Belington in a spring wagon he had chartered there; a little drive of 70 miles. He had lost his way and suffered exhaustion. The right way would have been to come to Millboro, Va. where he could have gotten here in 46 miles and his boxes would have come by cover ed wagon trains that ran summer and winter.

But he found comfortable quarters and an understanding people. He even found a countryman already stopping here. The first evening they made a bet. Wilson bet the other that he, the tenderfoot , would catch a hundred bass before winter set in, and by the way he won the bet to the astonishment of every one. The people of Marlinton knew how to deal with Englishmen. Three cardinal rules: ask no prying questions, give him a bed to himself,and a small hand tub to bathe in, and the world is his. It was in this way that James Henry G.Wilson came to Marlinton where he spent the rest of his life. He was just out of Oxford, and he had played on the rugby football team, he had also played as an international. He got stuck with a horse

the [illegible], after he arrived, a [illegible] of [illegible] outlaw [illegible] horses, heavy on his feet and with a mean disposition. Wilson changed his name to Satan. Afterwards when he had become an expert with horses he acquired Toby the beautiful sorrel, and the dog Major. The trio were known and welcome far and wide.

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# LYNCHINGS in POCAHONTAS COUNTY

There have been no lynchings in the county for two generation and the three that we have record of took place during the Civil War. The following is taken from the Pocahontas Times for January 28, 1932, and was written by Calvin Price.

In January 1862, a colored man belonging to John W. Warwick was taken by a mob, from the jail in Huntersville, and hanged on a tree.

Rev. Henry Arbogast and Eli Buzzard were taken from their homes and shot near the roadside. Their bodys were found next day. ( I have sent something in on this before)

Timothy Alderman of ~~Knapp~~ Douthards Creek was taken from his home and shot to death in the woods near the bridge at Minnehaha Springs. His body was not found for three weeks. Whether all were killed the sa same night, I do not know. I do know that Timothy Alderman was murdered on the night of January 22, 1862. The reason of the inflamed feeling against these men was the fact that they were Union Sympathizers and had been accused of giving information to the Federal forces. Large bodies of Confederate soldiers were camped in various parts of the county that winter.

Timothy Alderman was one of several who had warning that they were in danger. He was preparing to hide himself in the mountains and was waiting for his clothes to dry when the lynchers came for him.

He was 56 years 11 months and 28 days old the day he was murdered, Jan. 22. He was found February 9. He left a widow and eight small children, the youngest a daughter of two years, who sickened and died with dyptheria about the day her father was found. They were buried in the same grave.

Two of his grandaughters, Mrs. C. H. Kellison and Mrs. Lanty Underwood sent me a poem written some years after by Mary Ann Alderman and here it is.

Attend dear friends, while we relate
A sad and solemn story;
How treacherous fiends and bloody men
With hearts and hands all gory,

Three years ago, now past and gone
Here in this neighborhood;
Murdered a Christian Union man
And called it all for good.

He was a pious, harmless man
All wicked men did shun;
He told them that secession
Was anything but fun.

But oh, my heart, it bleeds to think
What sorrow did divide;
The murderers came at close of day
And took this man aside.

They took him from his happy home,

And those he loved so dear,
No more to see their smiling faces
Nor their sweet voices hear.

They took him just three miles from home,
Along the darksome way;
And there the murderers murdered him,
Down in a field he lay.

For three long weeks in hopeless woe,
Friends searched for him in vain;
When lo, one stormy winters eve
They him beheld again.

Yes, there the loving father lay
The murdered man was found;
His face was buried in the snow,
And frozen to the ground.

But soon he was taken home,
And there was laid to rest;
No more to be with those he loved,
But he was with the blessed.

The widow and the orphans left,
To mourn their wretched lot;
Comforted like Rachel,, they refused
Because their friend is not.

But God has said that He will be
A husband and a friend,
A father to the orphan child
And aid and comfort lend.

Then weep no more, ye mourning friends,
But ask to be forgiven;
Then you may meet the one you love
In that bright home in Heaven.

The rosebud now is bursting forth,
Around that peasful spot;
Where slumbers his moulded frame,
But he is not forgot.

Perhaps the learner of this song
His name would like to see;
Timothy Alderman it was
While he on earth did be.

Mrs. John Lee another grandaughter gave me this clipping when I was at her home getting material on their church. She says that A man claimed to have had a dream and said that he saw Alderman's body at a certain spot. They went to this place and did find the body, but they always thought this man knew something more than just having a dream.

( I am sending this because I thought it might help to show the feelings brought on by the war.)

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BATTLE CHEAT MOUNTAIN

September 13, 1861

The fortifications at Valley and Middle mountains were made because of a report illiam Skeen, a lawyer at Huntersville, who furnished them with a map, and who ted out that the railroad at Millboro was exposed to attack as well as the railroad taunton and that it was not as many miles distant by turnpike. Therefore, Robert E. was sent to Pocahontas to put up fortifications at this place. He arrived at Valley tain on August 8, 1861. All histories say that his fortifications were on Valley tain. That in part is true for that was the pass that his troops watched, but his camp was south of the pass through middle Mt. and the signs there today show the est amount of work. Lee's troops were volunteers and amateurs in the art of war. was a lot of sickness in his camp that summer. Almost all of Lee's troops, as well her confederate troops in the county that summer 1861 were lowlanders from the n country. Many of them had never seen a mountain before. That was why the tains got them. There were very few mountain men in camp.

The Confederate forces took up all of Greenbrier Valley. They had armies at Travelers e (Camp Bartow) under the command of Loring. At Huntersville (Camp Northwest) at gton and Top Allegheney. These troops came from all over the south. They had been d there owing to the fact that it soon became apparent the Virginia west of the great e was not going to put many soldiers into the field to aid secession.

At this time Robert E. Lee was a brigadier general of the Confederate troops and was ed to the Greenbrier Valley to take command of the units there. General Loring out- d Lee, but took orders from him.

McClellan swept every thing before him for he had railroad transportation into the r of the state, while the confederates were gathering from the south by slow marching agon train over the endless mountains. By the middle of the summer, McClellan had a

large army in the Tygarts Valley at Elk Water. Here that army dug one of the biggest trenches and bunkers of the war to hold the road. To keep the fort from being flanked and surprised from behind, another army had made a most elaborate fortified camp at White's Top of Cheat on the Staunton and Parkersburg Turnpike. This place also lent itself to easy defense. The road here passes through a gap between to beautiful hills and the soldiers fortified both sides of the road.

The Union and Confederate forces faced each other for about two months, each wait for the other to give battle. Finally, about the middle of September, Lee planned to attack the fortifications at Elkwater. Realizing that the pike was closed by the fortifications at White Top, the orders were that on the night of Sept. 13, (Some auth ties say the 11th), the army from Camp Bartow were to climb Back Allegheny then leave road and silently pass Whites Top through the spruce woods and to fall in behind these fortifications. A part of the army was to stay and watch the army at White Top to keep them from joining the other Union forces. The rest of the Army from Camp Bartow were to drop down into Tygarts Valley and march up stream and attack the Elkwater fortifications in the rear, while Lee marched down and attacked the front. Never was battle better planned, and never was one worse executed, but Lee could not have known what the spruce woods on top of Cheat were like or he would not have expected an army of southerners to get through at night. Lee's camp was in hardwood territory where a man could easily walk through. But to take an army through the jungles of Cheat in the night was an unheard of project. There were dense growths of spruce something like a hundred thousand board feet to the acre. There were many windfalls that could not be seen at night. There were great patches of laurel that even a Pocahontes bear could hardly penetrate. The ground was covered with a plant called hobblerod that made a passage both painful and difficult. Also between Back Allegheny and Cheat was a strip of boggy, swampy country so covered with spruce that the sun could hardly penetrate. To add to the horrows of these southern boys, the first snow of the winter began to fal that night, and when the men got into that dark moress through which Cheat River winds

its murky way they scattered. All sense of direction was lost. The soldiers were cold, lost and bewildered. They threw away their guns and engaged in a mad scramble to get out. Most of them found their way back to Camp Bartow or to Lee's camp, but it was several days before they were in shape to present a warlike front.

The attack of September 14, on Elkwater had failed because the mountains took a hand in it.

On the next day, Lee sent down from his Valley Mountain Camp a reconnoitering party under the command of Major John A. Washington. This party was sent to see if Loring had gotten across Cheat with his troops. They got to near the Federal breastworks and were fired upon. Major Washington was killed.

Lee evidently decided not to attack the Federals at eigher Elkwater or White Top. Anyway there was no more fighting that year on the Randolph and Pocahontas lines.

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Here is a bit of history not found in any of the dispatches. It was told to Andrew Price when he taught school at Big Springs on the site of Lee's camp. Told by an eye witness: The summer of 1861 terminated in one of the biggest rains that ever fell in these mountains and produced one of the biggest floods ever known in these streams. This downpour lasted all night and at daybreak next morning both armies, Federal and Confederate had broken camp in the night and both were in headlong retreat.

The Confederates fled south up Old Field Fork of Elk and cut a timber barricade at Crooked Fork at the foot of Elk Mountain (This barricade played a part in other skirmishes later.)

The Federals retreated down Tygarts Valley turned east at Huttonsville and marched toward Staunton and fought the battles at Bartow and Top Allegheny.

Lee having extricated his army went to Richmond. When he found his summers work reduced to nothing by this great mishap in the jungle, he was inclines to believe the report that the mountain guide had misled his troops and lost them in the wilderness, and for a time it looked as if a certain young Pocahontas County man, who had

undertaken to guide them, would be hanged. But Lee must have learned that he had been at fault for ordering them to penetrate the Cheat thicket in the night for nobody was executed. (I have not been able to learn who the guide was). This material was taken from W. Va. Blue Book 1928 - from articles by Andrew Price.

When the spruce timber was cut from Cheat Mountain many years after the war, muskets haversacks, and other articles were found where the army had cast them aside in their escape from the jungle.

In 1927 when the new highway over Middle and Valley Mountains (Seneca Trail) was being graded as Route 24, a great army dump pile was uncovered and all sorts of war trophies ranging from muskets to parts of cannons were found. These were left by Lee's first command in the Civil War.

Places in Pocahontas that were Lee's headquarters in 1861:

1. Valley and Middle Mountains
2. Meadow Bluff on Sept. 24.
3. Tall House at Marlins Bottom
4. At Sewell Mountain on Oct. 20

During the year 1861 all of Lee's activities were confined to W. Va. At Richard McNeel's farm near Mill Point, Mrs. McNeel, a Confederate sympathizer; prepared a fine meal but Lee refused to eat it for fear of poison.

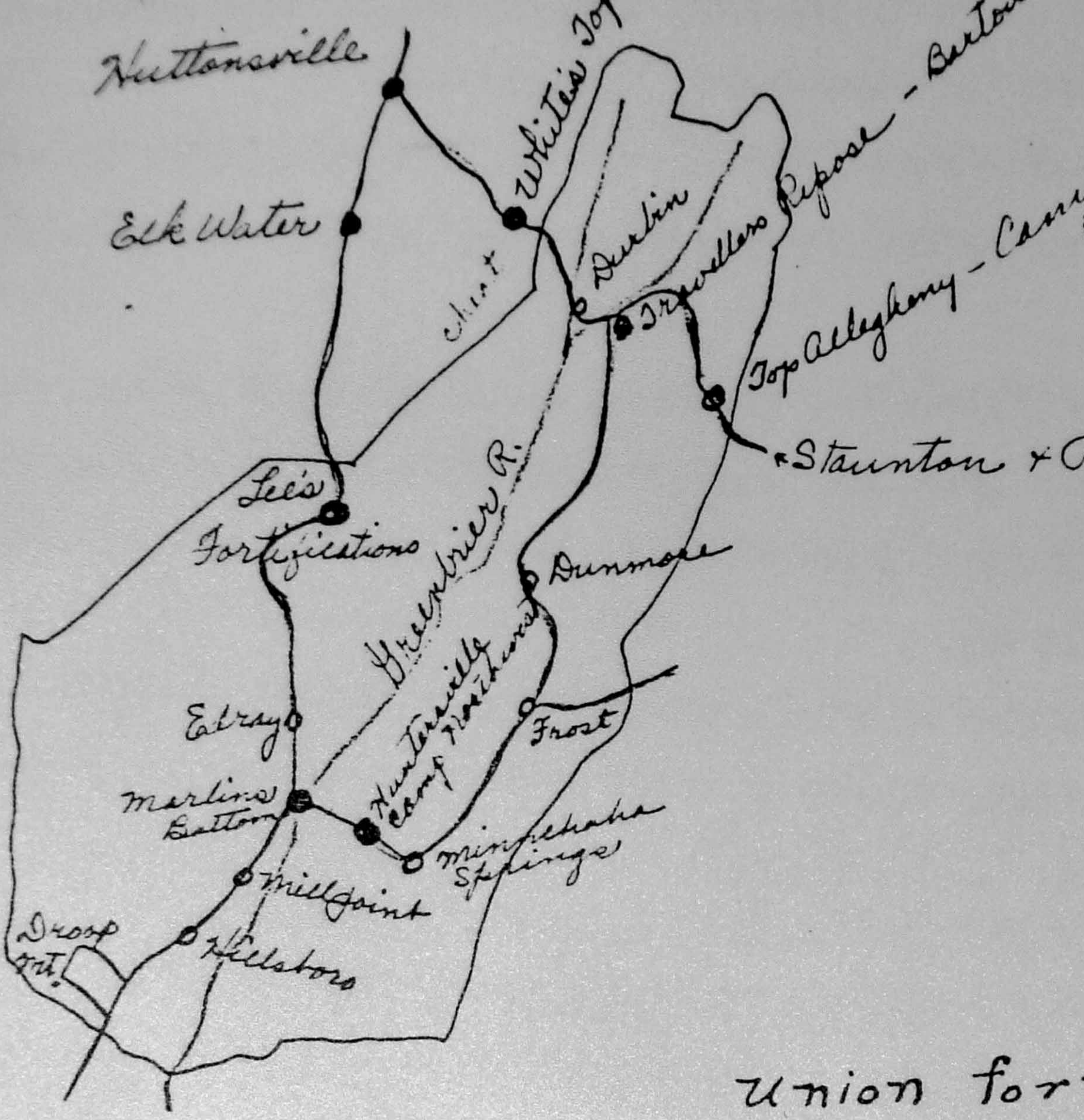
Lee's Horse

When Lee was in the Greenbrier Valley, in 1861, he came across the best horse he had ever seen, the grey gilding, Traveler. Foaled in the Little Levels of Pocahontas and developed in the Big Levels of Greenbrier Co. No better horse ever set foot to the road, though this region has produced its thousands like unto the far famed Traveler. (Pocahontas Times).

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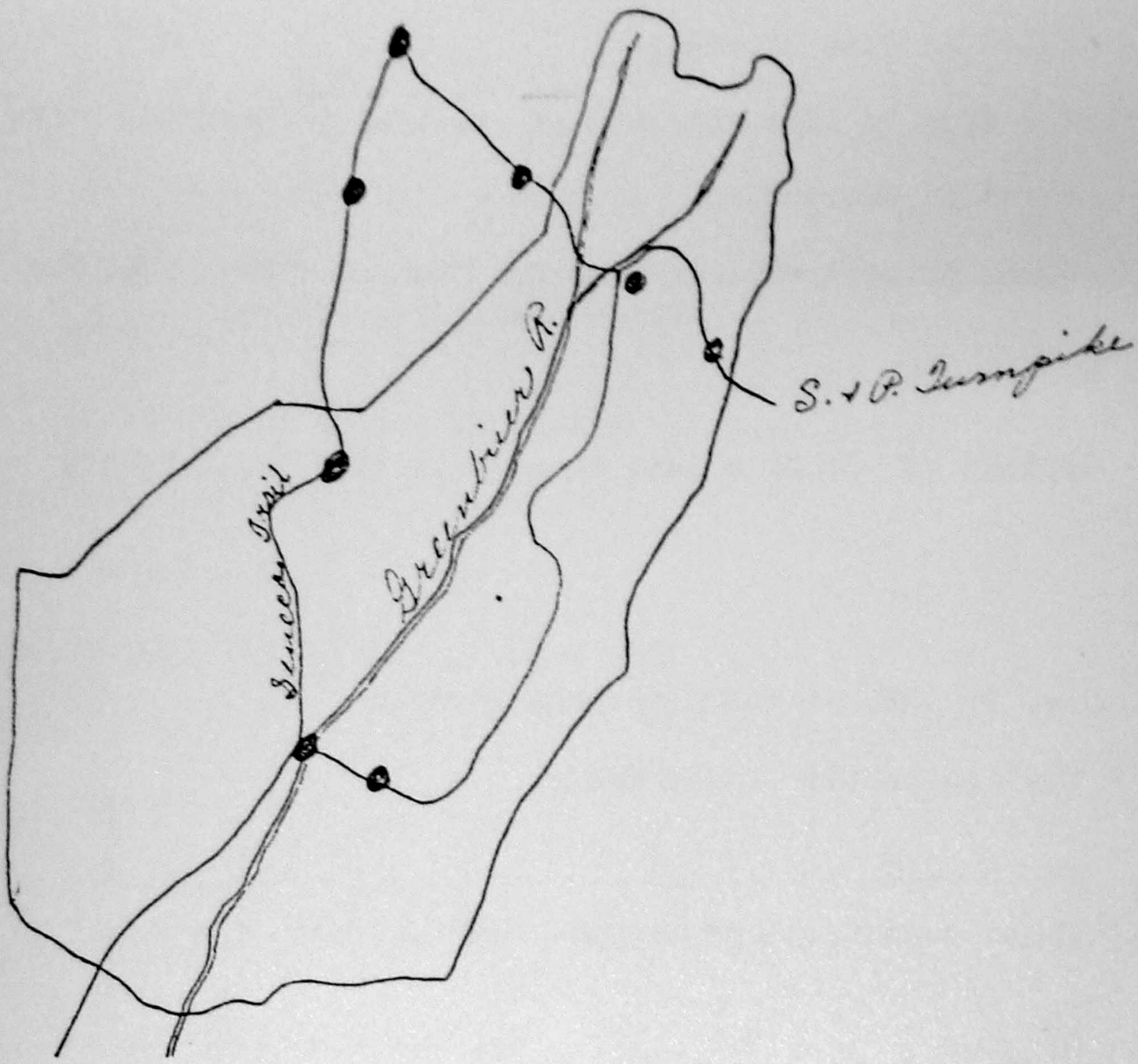
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Union fortifications
In Randolph County
at
Huttonsville
Elk Water
White's Top Shavers Cheat

Confederate fortifications
In Pocahontas County

Travelers Repose - Camp Bartow
Top Allegheny - Camp Baldwin
Huntersville - Camp Northwest
Marlins Bottom -
Valley & Middle Mountain.




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### Confederate Soldiers of Pocahontas

Arbogast, Jacob - killed at Fort Donelson

Arbogast, Washington - died in 1864 from wounds received at Spottsylvania.

Auldridge, John - killed at Gettysburg

Auldridge, Allen - Given an honorable discharge. Their father killed for being a Confederate sympathizer.

Ashford, Claburn

Arbogast, J. C. - Captain of the Greenbank company of 31st Va. Infantry

Arbuagh, George -

Arbaugh, James

Arbaugh, John A. Died in 1861 at the Minnehaha Springs

Buzzard, Jackson - Died in battle of Dry Creek

Beverage, Levi (
Beverage, Joseph ( These were brothers and all returned from the war.)
Beverage, Jacob (

Beard, John J. Wounded

Beard, Joel Early - Died in service.

Beard, Charles Woods - returned

Beard, Edwin D. - - -

Beard, Moffett - - - -

Beard, Wallace Warwick - - -

Beard, Wallace Warwick - - -

Beard, John G - - -

Burnside, James - - - -

Clendennin, Adam S. - - - died in battle

Cochran, William - Captain of Stony Creek Militia.

Cochran, George - A faithful soldier

Courtney, Andrew - Died a prisoner of war at Fort Delaware

Courtney, Thomas -

Courtney, George -

Cassell, George - Died of wounds during the war.

Curry, James - Among the last soldiers killed at Apomattox 1865

Cooper, Robert - Died in the war.

Cooper, James - Lost in arm in battle

Cooper, John - Wounded at Fisher's Hill

Cooper, Charles - " " " "

Cooper, George - Killed in battle - 1864

Callison, James -

Cochran, Clark -

Cochran, George B -

Dilley, Thomas -

Elliot, James - Under the command of Gen. Kerby Smith in the southwest. After the he worked his way to Iowa, from there went to the Dakotas on a trapping expedition thereby enlisted in Custers Army. He was with Reno's Company when Custer's Compan massacred in 1876.

Edmiston, Andrew -

Edmiston, Richard -

Edmiston, Matthew -

Friel, George Washington - Died at Stribling Springs in 1862

Friel, Josiah Franklin - Died in battle of Fort Republic

Friel, William Thomas - Survived war but was drowned near Elkwater in 1879.

Friel, John - Died in the army on Allegheney Mountain soon after the battle 1861.

Friel, James Twyman - Prisoner for three years.

Friel, Israel (
( These two were from Clover Lick, both survived the war.
Friel, John L (

Galford, John - Wounded at Gettysburg, died at Richmond soon after in Chimboroys Hospital.

Gum, Robert N. -

Gay, Robert N. -

Gay, Samuel M. - Wounded at Strasburg, Va.

Geiger, Godfrey - (Took part in some of the biggest battles of the war. Were at (home on furlough and called by Joe C. Gay to take part in (battle of Duncans Lane.

Gum, John E. -

Gum, McBride J. - Captain in Jacob W. Marshalls Co. Once when he was at his home near Clover Lick on furlough he and other Confederate soldiers were at the home of Woods Poage, suddenly I. W. Allen and a company of his scouts began firing on them from the top of a hill near the hous They ran for the woods but Gum seeing he was going to be overtaken, dropped to the ground and lay still when the next shot was fired. As the pursuers passed by they said "Well, we got one of them," and ran on after the others. So Gum escaped. Gum and Allen lived withi a mile of each other.

Geiger, Cutlip - 62nd Va.

Gay, Levi - Wounded Spottsylvania.

Gum, H. McBryde - of Greenbank Wounded at Spottsylvania Court House, and again at Liberty. A third time at Winchester. At Cold Harbor he had his mustache shaved off by a minnie ball. He was twice a prisoner of war. Captured the first time at Uriah Heveners in 1861 and paroled. Second time taken at his home on Back Mountain in Oct. 1864 and taken to Clarksburg.

Hudson, Dallas - Died at Port Republic

Hudson, W. V. - Lein., served through the war.

Hefner, Lanty A. -

Hull, John - Died in the war.

Hively, James - 62nd Va.

Irvine, Benjamine F. - [illegible] in upper [illegible] in 1861. Died a prisoner of war.

Jordan, Jonathan - died while home on furlough.

Kennison, David D. - died during war.

Kennison, Davis -

Kennison, Nathaniel -

Kennison, John -

Kee, George M. - 22nd Va.

Moore, Charles L -

Moore, James C. - died of wounds received in 7 day fight around Richmond. Buried near Gr enwood Tunnel, Va.

Moore, William - Captured near Richmond in 1862. Never heard from again.

McLaughlin, John - Taken prisoner. Died Camp Chase, Ohio.

McLaughlin, James H. - Leiu., While on picket at the Rapidan River, he joked with the others and as he stuck out his foot, in an instant his ankle was shattered by a minnie ball. He was taken to a hospital and doing well, but he ate too much of the good things brought by some ladies. One of few conf. killed by kindness.

McLaughlin, Jacob - Died in war, in the battle of Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864. He wrot from Bunker Hill on Aug. 1, 1864 to his cousin Nannie McLaughlin in which he tells of much marching and fighting since May 4, and stat further that the troops are very much exhausted by these fatiguing marching and hopes they can rest awhile. He further says "I am sorry to inform you that both your brothers are taken prisoners, and the whole of the 25th Regiment excepting 14 have been taken. You ought to be thankful they are prisoners instead of being kille as there have so many poor soldiers fallen this summer. I think a prisoner now is much better off than we poor men that have to fight and march so much. At least I know they are in less danger" It goes on to say he has not written sooner because they have not stopped long enough to write.

McLaughlin, G. H. -

McNeil, James M. - Captain of Nicholas Blues. At the time of the battle of Droop Mountain Claiborne McNeil of Buckey, a Confederate soldier was at home on a leave of absence. Hearing the battle begin he climbed up Bridger Notch and saw the battle. On one side was engaged his brother James McNeil, and on the other side his half brother, Alfred McKeever. After the battle, McKeever knowing that his half brother James McNeil had been engaged was filled with apprehension as to his safety, and searched among the dead and wounded, and then passed by the long line of prisoners. Presently he saw McNeil and rushed up with outstretched hand saying how glad he was that he was alive and unhurt. But Captain McNeil was filled with bitterness and defeat. He folded his arms and thus he spoke: "I am glad to know, Alfred, that you too are alive and well, but, Alfred, we are not shaking hands today". McNeil was taken to Fort Delaware where he remained a prisoner fro 18 months. He was Louise McNeil's grand

father and she has written poems about the meeting of these two brothers and of her grandfather's experience in prison.

Marshall, Jacob W. - He raised and commanded a very efficient company of mounted infantry. He was later one of the promoters of Marlinton as an active member of the Pocahontas Developing Co.

McCutcheon, Samuel H. - Captured in 1863. Taken to Camp Chase. Remained there until the close of the war. Came back broken in health. Died of consumption in 1869.

McCutcheon, John B. - Returned

McCutcheon, William A. G. - Went into battle of Seven Pines against his captains advice. Overcome with fatigue. Developed penumonia and died.

Moore, Brepon - Slain at Gettysburg

Mathews, Sampson L. - Returned

Moore, James C. killed June 1864 near New Hope, Va.

McLaughlin, Robert -

McElevee, D. B. - Co. F Bath Cavalry

McElevee, B. D. - Co. F. " "

McCarty, John - Co. F. " "

McNeel, A. G. - Co. F. " "

Moffitt, B. H. - Co. F. " "

McNeel, William L. - Captain of a company of mounted Infantry.

McNeel - Matthew John -

McNeel, George -

McNeel, Samuel Ellis - died during war.

McNeel, John [illegible] -

[illegible], William - a captain - after the war was a government clerk in Washington, D. C.

Overholt, Reuben E. -

Overholt, John - died in battle

Overholt, George H. -

Overholt, Peter -

Overholt, William H - These 5 men were brothers. There was another brother enlisted but do not know his name.

Patterson, J. H. - Clerk of Circuit Court after the War.

Poage, Henry Moffett - A Leiu. Died near Warrenton, Va. Shot down as he topped a small hill.

Poage, William A. - Lost his life while on a scout.

Price, Andrew G. - Taken prisoner at Hanover Junction. Died at Point Lookout July 6, 64

Price, James Henry -

Price, William T. -

Price, John Calvin -

Price, J. Woods -

Price, Samuel D. -

* In the spring of 1864 the Union troops called at the home of James Atlee Price. The first intimation that the family had was the sound of the wooden latch of the gate at the road, falling. They looked out and the whole country from the house to the bridge was blue. There were Confederate soldiers in uniform in the house; James H. Pr John Calvin Price, J. Woods Price and David Kennison. They ran. Kennison fell down and was captured and sent to prison. Woods Price was pursued to the big sycamore at the mouth of Kees Run, he dodged behind this tree and as his pursuer came around the tree Price shot and cut a furrow across his brow, whereupon the Union soldier went back and Price escaped. J. Calvin Price and James H. Price took to the river. James Price got across, but Calvin Price was shot in the thigh and it looked like he might drown. James returned to assist him, but before he could reach the wounded man, the Union soldier who had fired the shot, went into the water and brought out his game. Whereupon Calvin Price was left at home to recover and James was made a prisoner and spent the rest of the war in an Ohio prison. He was turned out at the end of the war without a cent in his pocket. He walked the hundreds of miles home. That cured him of his traveling. He marched, countermarched, and endured all kinds of hardships, but was never called upon to fire a shot.

Woddell, Warwick - Killed at Cold Harbor

Woddell, Aaron -

Yeager, William Asbury - He was in the engagement at Winchester and when the battle was over 17 bullet holes were found in his clothing but he did not get a scratch. Took part in all the battles of his company, except Gettysburg, Was in the hospital at that time. Killed at Hatches Run Feb. 6, 1865.

Yeager, H. A. - Took part in all the engagements except when wounded.

Yeager, Peter D. - Prisoner at Camp Chase. Released July 1865. He in a large measure restored Travelers Repose from the devastation of war.

Yeager, John - Selected by Col Rust of the 3rd Arkansas Reg. to go with him, as a guide into the Federal fortifications at Whites Top of Cheat. They arrived, got into the camp, learned the position of the devense, but the attack was not made because of high water.

Young, George -

Warwick, James W. Jr., - Supt. of schools after the war.

Warwick, John Andrew -*From 1926 Blue Book. All other taken from History of Poca - Price except for 2 or 3 from Poca Times.

Mr Paul H. Becker

I am sending you a list of the Old Soldiers of the Civil War I have been very careful in making up this list of the Companies , this is a record that is hard to find , in fact part of it is not in the records perfectly as I have it written up . One of the old Soliers of Pocahontas kept a Diary of the Company "G " which he had printed a few years ago. And many of the facts that he had secured in his record are not in the Archives . And a few of the facts of the Records in the Archives mention a few things the Diary of the Old Soldier dont have .

By placing the two together they will coincide perfectly with the U.S. History This Roster of the Company "G" of the 31st Virginia Regiment is as near Authentic as any person of this generation can make it.

I hope that this list of Companies will be printed as carefully as possible The Daughters of the Confederacy and of the Union , look to such records as the foundation of their Organizations .

Roscoe W Brown

R.W.Brown (Research worker in Pocahonta

We hereby give the list of the Companies of the Confederate Soldiers of the County of Pocahpntas that was organized at the out break of the Civil War; The first year of the War Company " G " of the Virginia 31st regimebnt was mostly composed of Volanteers made up of the citizens of Pocahontas which was organized at Greenbank with James Crawford Arbogast as Captain. the second year of the war, a few soldiers from the adjoining Counties were enlisted in the Company " G ". of the 31st regiment. This entire Company was made up of men that were 6 feet tall, with the exception of James Hughs and Robert Wolfenbarger.

This Company along with the Companies o f Pocahontas County was in nearly all the principal engagements of the Civil War. Comany " G " was at Gettysburg with the 31st Virginia, under EUELLS CORPS, EARLYS DIVISION, Brig - General William Smith,s Brigade, who commanded the 31st Regt, 49th Va Regt and the 52nd Va Regt,

The Va, 31st Regt, was commanded by Col- John S. Hoffman of which 27 were killed
The 49th Va, Regt, was commanded by Col- Gibson, of which 100 were killed.
The 52nd Va, Regt, was commanded by Co- James Skinner of which 15 were killed.

The Company " G " of the 31st Va Reg,t didn,t hold together after the Battle of Spottsylvania, the encounter at the " Bloody Amgle" which was May 12th 1864.

ROSTER OF COMPANY " G " 31st REGIMENT OF VIRGINIA C . S . A .
VOLANTEERS ,

( Made up mostly of Soldiers of Pocahontas County )

Compiled from the Muster and Pay Rolls from September 1st 1861, to Feb 26th 1864 on file in the West Virginia department of Archives and History.

Organized at Greenbank , and Mustered into service at Huttonsville, May 1861. Enlistments at Greenbank, Laurel Hill, and Top Allegheny.

James Crawford Arbogast , Captain May 29th 1861.

James Crawford Arbogast was promoted to Major Vice. when J.H.Chenoweth was killed at Port Republic June 9th 1862.

George Wm. Siple, 1st Lieut May 29th 1861.

James Franklin Gum, 2nd Lieut May 29th 1861.

Sidney Ruckma, 1st Lieut, May 29th 1861. Promoted from 2nd Sergent, Command Co- 62.

C.B.Ruckman 2nd Lieut May 29th 1861, resigned Nov 14th 1862.

Elisha Wilfong, 2nd Lieut May 29th 1861, Commanded Company after Nov 1862- was wounded at Gettysburg on Julry 3rd 1863.

John R. Warwick, 2nd Lieut, May 29th 1861, Promoted from 1st Sergeant, wounded at Port Republic June 8th 1862. Prisoner June 19th 186 4.

Non- Commissioned Officers.

William H. Hull. 1st Sergeht May 29th 1861. Wounded 12th of May 1864 ( at the "Bloody Angle " at Spottsylvania .

George W. Arbogast 2nd Sgt, May 29th 1861, Wounded Port Republic June 9th 1862 at Port Repubic, Killed Spottsylvania May 12th 1864 ( in the Bloody Anglo)

John W. Nottingham 2nd Sergeant May 29th 1861. Killed at Spottsylvania May 12 1864

Robert Wolfenbarger, 3rd Sergent March 17th 1862. Wounded , and Prisoner Fort Steadman March 25th 1865.

William Ba Kerr, 3rd Sergt, March 17th 1862, Died at Staunton Nov 8th 1862.

Valentine Gillispie 4th Sergt May 29th 1861, absent after Nov 1862.

William Hughs 4th Sergt March 17th 1862.

John J. Hicks. 5th Sergt, May 29th 1862. Killed Port Republic June 9th 1862.

William Hicks. Corp May 29th 1861.

an P. Warner, 1st Corp Mar 17th 1862.

James W. Hughs 2nd Corp. March 17th 1862

Emanuel Wilfong, Corp May 29th 1861.

Milton Campbell 2nd Corp 1861 June 22nd 1861 , died of wounds nat White Hall, July 27 186

Henry Sheets ,Corp June 22nd 1861.

s Wilfong 3rd Corp March 17th 1861.

George B. Arbough, 4th Corp ,March 17th 1862.

Samuel G. Lindsey May 29th 1862. ( 4th Corp ,)

PRIVATES ENLISTED REMARKS ;

Bible, John A. May 29th 1861. died of wounds at June 9th 1862 at Port Ropublic .

Boyer Leonard. May 29th 1861. Substitute for D.V Ruckman.

Burner Allen C. June 22nd 1861.

Beverage George W. May 26th 1861.Wounded at the Top Allegheny mountain Dec 13th 1961

Beverage William M.

eard Joel E. June 22nd 1861 . Died Sept 28th 1861.

Carpenter Crawford , March 17th 1862.

curtney Andrew J. March 17th 1862.

rpenter Samuel, March 17th 1862.Died of wounds at Port Republic June 9th 1862.

rpenter John M. March 17th 1862. Wounded at Hazel River Aug 22nd 1862., absent

ter Jan 1863 .Died from Disease.

ssell George, March 17th 1862 , Died from wounds at Port Republic. June 9th 1962

llins Charles March 17th 1862 .Discharged on account of his age.

llins James March 17th 1862.

llins William, March 17th 1862 discharged on account of age.

l Ele. March 17th 1862. Discharged on account of his age.

in William E.

l Joshua March 17th 1862 wounded at Port Republic June 9th 1862.

lispie Valentine , Killed near Romney 1863.

ford John A. March 17th 1862. died of owunds Jan 13th 1863

Gillispie Beverly P. died of disease 1862.

Gillispie William May 29th 1861. Captured Sept 18th 1862 exchanged , but never returned to the Coppany.

Gum George. May 29th 1861.

Gum Robert N. May 29th 1861.

Gum McBride, May 29th 1861.

Gum James H. May 29th 1861.

Halterman Levi May 29th 1861 Transferred to Company"A" 25th Virginia Infantry.

Hamilton James G. May 29th 1861. Taken prisoner , exchanged again captured and exch was woundad May 5th 1864, at the Wilderness Battle .

Hevener Harvey May 29th 1861. wounded at Cold Harbor May 30th 1864.

Hicks, Charles B. May 29th 1861.

Hicks William E.

Hicks C.W. May 29th 1861.

Hicks John C. Killed Port Republic June 9th 1862.

Higgins James. May 29th 1861. Missing at Winchester July 19th 1864.

Higgins Samuel H. May 29th 1864.

Higgins John C. Died in Prison.

Houchin Charles H. March 17th 1862. Died of Wounds at Port Republic June 9th 1862.

Hudson Dallas, March 17th 1862. Killed at Port Republic June 9th 1862.

Hull Robert, March 17th 1862.

Hull Henry. March 17th 1862 Wounded Spottsylvania May 12th 1864. Prisoner Fort Stead

Hughs, J. W. March 17th 1862 taken prisoner , and exchanged.

Kerr George , March 17th 1862. Discharged on account of his age.

Kelly ,Cyrus N. March 17th 1862.

Lindsey, Robert D. May 29th 1862 wounded at the Battle of Port Republic.

Lockridge Robert C. March 17th 1862.

Logan James A. May29th 1862. Discharged on account of his age.

Long John, May 29th 1862. March died of wounds Spottsylvania , May 12th 1864.

Long Henry March 17th 1862

Long Lafayette. March 17th 1862. died of wounds at Spottsylvania May 12th 1864.

McLaughlin James N. May 29th 1862.

McLaughlin Hugh, May 29th 1862. Wounded at Dunmore July 25th 1862; taken Prisoner at South Fork Pendleton County, exchanged at Vixburg.

McLaughlin Robert May 29th 1862. made prisoner at Point Lookout April 5th 1865.

Mclaughlin Jacob, May 29th 1862 Killed Cedar Creek October 19th 1864.

Moore Charles L. March 17th 1862, Wounded Wilderness May 6th 1864.

Moore James C. March 17th 1862 Died of wounds at Gains Mill July 20th 1862.

Moore Mathias L. March 17th 1862. Wounded Wilderness Battle May 5th 1864.

Nottingham John, May 29th 1862. Killed Spottsylvania May 12th 1864.

Nottingham Washington March 17th 1862. Discharged on account of his age.

Phillips George W. March 17th 1862; Wounded at Cedar Run Aug 9th 1862. returned to Company Feb 1864, transferred to Company "F" 19th Virginia Cavalcry.

Pugh Ira Ellis. March 17th 1862, Discharged on account of his Age.

Ruckman Samuel June 22nd 1861. died October 24th 1861

Ratliff John May 29th 1862 Died of disease 1862.

Ratliff Daniel, June 25th 1862.

Sharp Daniel June 25th 1862.

Shafer Andrew, May 29th 1862. Wounded at Spottsylvania May 12th 1864.

Shoals James, May 29th 1862. Killed at the Wilderness Battle May 6th 1864.

Spencer J Jack, March17th 1862. taken Prisoner at Strasburg, June 2nd 1862.

Spencer James M. Prisoner at the Battle of the Wilderness.

Simmons Jacob, June 22nd 1862.

Sutton George B.

Sutton John G. March 17th 1862. Discharged on account of his age.

Sutton Samuel J. May 29th 1862.

Slaton William W. May 29th 1861, Wounded October 3rd 1861 at Bartow.

Slaton Andrew J. Killed trying to pass Confederate Pickets at Top Allegheny Mountain.1861

Sheets Andrew May 29th 1861.

Sheets Isaac, Died from wounds received on Top Allegheny Mountain. Dec 13th 1861

Sheets Jacob, May 12th 1861.

Swink Zachariah, March 17th 1862. Wounded at Spottsylvania.May 12 th 1864.

Shaver Andrew J. Wounded Spottsylvania May 12th 1864.

Towsend William T. March 17th 1862.

Townsend Taylor. March 17th 1862.

Thomas John B. March 17th 1862. wounded Cedar Run , missing after Sept 1862.

Taylor Andrew J. March 17th 1862. taken prisoner parolled.

Taylor Jacob K. March 17th 1862.

Tracy George March 17th 1862. Discharged on accont of his age.

Tracy James A. Sept 11th 1862. transferred from Co "F"19th Va Cavalry Feb 24th 186

Tracy William March 17th 1862. Killed near Fairfax C, H, Sept 1st 1862.

Tacy James May 29th 1861. Died October 8th 1861.

Wolf, Phillip; May 29th 1861. Captured October 3rd 1861 at Battle Greenbrier ( B

Warless James May 29th 1861. Wounded at the Wilderness Battle May 5th 1864.

Warwick Peter H. May 29th 1862. Wounded at Port Republic June 9th 1862.

Wilfong Daniel March 17th 1862 , Discharged on account of his age.

Wilfong Elias March 17th 1862. Wounded at Manasseas.

Wilfong William G.

Wilfong John M. March 17th 1861 Wounded at Sharpsburg 1862.

Wilfong Henry.

Wilfong George M. March 17th 1861

Wilfong John Wounded at Port Republic June 9th 1862

Wooddell Warwick, March 17th 1861. Killed at Port Republic June 9th 1862

Wooddell Andrew J.

Wooddell Aaron , March 17th 1861 Died near Valley Mills May 1862.

Yeager Henry A. March 17th 1861. taken prisoner June 9th 1862, parolled at
Cross Keys, Wounded at Spottsylvania May 12th 1864 Prisoner March 25th 1865 Fort S

Yeager William . April 2nd 1862 Det, Ser Trans July 5th 1862 Killed at
- Hatchers Run Feb 6th 1865.

RECORD OF EVENTS.

October 1861 James Crawford Arbogast Commanding : No date.

From the 31st of December 1861 , Feb 28th 1862 , Camp Allegheny , James Crawford Arboga commanding; Aggregate 46 men. Major of Regiment having being killed June 9th 1862 J.C.Arbogast being the next Senior officer has been acting Major.

No date -- Lieut Ruckman Commanding - aggregate 63 men one Segt, 2 Corp, and 11 privates deserted . ( Only missing at time of report )

Nov 2nd 1862-- Camp near Berryville , Lieut Elisha Wilfong commanding Company aggregate 54 men; 14 sick 25 on duty 7 on extra duty.

December 31st 1862 Camp near Front Royal 47 names on Roll E . Wilfong Commanding.

February 1863 Camp near Port Royal , Elisha Wilfong Lieut Commanding aggregate 52 men , 26 fit for duty six on detached service.

May 30th 1863, Camp Buffalo Gap Lieut E. Wilfong commanding aggregate 52 men 8sick , 2 absent , 2 on extra duty, 28 present fit for duty.

October 31st 1863, Camp 4th Va Brigade . John R. Warwick 2nd Lieut -commanding 38 aggregate 27 present for duty,.

Feb 29th 1864 Camp near Summerville Ford, Elish Wilfong 2nd Lieut commanding Aggregate 40 men 28 present for duty..

( It appears by the foregoing list of soldiers that there was a reorgianization of the Company in the the beginning of the second year, it is a fact that some of the men enlisted in the first year of the war was enlisted in the same Company at a given date in the second year . It must be understood that there was a great number od Confoderate Soldiers who made their homes iafter the Civil War in Pocahontas County who were enlisted in Companies out side of Pocahontas County, and by this fact is not enlisted in the Pocahontas County Companies.

COMPANY " A " 62nd VIRGINIA REGIMENT Pocahontas County .

HENRY SMITH Captain ( wounded at New Market )

J . M. SIPLE 1st Lieut.

G. W. SAULSBERRY 2nd Lieut .

W.B. HUDSON 3rd Lieut.

Argabrite , John.

Barnett , James,

Barnett, Thomas,

Beverage Levi, ( wounded at Cold harbor )

Beverage Joseph,

Beverage Jacob,

Cassell George, ( killed at Port Republic )

Crouch, Silvester,

Dean, William,

Fuller , Cronin,

Figgins George,

Ford William,

Ford Winford,

Foley John,

Friel William,

Friel John,

Galford, Dallas, ( wounded at New Market )

Geiger Godfrey,

Geiger, John A.

Hedrick , Harvey,

Hiner , Harden,

Hiner James,

Howell, Leonard,

Jackson, Jackson ( killed at Beverly )

Koontz.,Peter,

Kittle Marsh ,

Kittle , George.

Kittle , Squire,

Killingsworth, John L.

McCleod, Lem,

McLaughlin, George,

McLaughlin, Jacob, ( Killed at Cedar Creek )

Robert McLaughlin.

Merritt, John, ( Wounded at New Market )

Yeasurly, Granville,

Puffinbarger, James,

Phillips, Cloud,

Phillips, Randolph,

Phillips, George,

Rucker, William,

Rucker Ballard,

Sutton, George,

Smith, Jack,

Switzer William,

Sharp John, ( Killed at Beverly )

Sharp, Morris ( Wounded at Cedar Creek )

Sharp Peter, ( wounded at New Market )

Shinaberry, Isaac.

Syms, Josiah

Sheets, John,

Taylor, Jacob,

Taylor, Joseph,

Waddell Alex,

Walton ,John.

White,Baxter,

White, Azariah,

Wise , William, ( Wounded at New Market)

Company(I) 25th was engaged in the following battles: Phillippi, McDowell, Winchester, Cross Keys, Port Republic, Seven days fight around Richmond, Slaughter Mountain, Fredricksburg, Second Winchester, Gettysburg, Mine Run, and Wilderness. In the latter the 25th Regiment was captured, Seventeen men of Company(I) were captured. they were first taken to point lookout, Md., thence to Elmira, N. Y. Eleven of the seventeen lived through the war, the others died prisoners.

( This above note is taken from Historical sketches of Pocahontas County History by the Rev Wm T. Price. )

COMPANY " I " 25th Reg- Virginia Infantry C.S.A.

D.A.Stopher , Captain.

J.H.McLaughlin Ist Lieutenant.

Angus, Timoleon
Alderman, Andy, C.
Akers, James H.
Arbogast , Daniel,
Boon, B.B.
Burr, George.
Burr, Fredrick,
Burr, William,
Bradley, James,
Corbett, Mustoe, H.
Cleek, Peter L.
Cash, George H.
Carpenter, William H.
Cole, Willaim,
Johnson, Joe,
Lyons, Enos, Moore Levi,
Moore Levi ,
Mc Laughlin, H. P.
Maher, Patrick
Moore, Michael,
Mitche, Sylvester,
Mathew, J.N.
Moriarty, Pat,
Piles, John,
Piles, William L.
Pence, J.W.
Rotey, Walter H.

Swadley, James,
Egan Charles,
Ervine William H.
Friel, M. A.
Grandfield, John.
Griffin, M.P.
Grames Peter,
Gammon, William,
Gammon, C. S.
Hannah, Robert,
Hannah, Joseph
Helmick, George A,
Henson, William H.
Hogsette, William, R.
Herold, C.B.
Herold, B.B.
Hamilton, A.G.
Jordan, Joseph J.
Slaven. W.W.
Seebert, Lanty S.
Sivey, Cain, H.
Shannon, James
Shannon, Michael
Smith, Louis
Simmons, C.A.
Shrader, B.F.

Varner, David A.
Weaver, C.W.
Weaver, F.L.
Weaver, Eugene
Ware, WilliamT.
Ware, George.
Ware Benjamin
Willihan, Michael
Willihan, Pat
Waugh, Levi.

COMPANY- F - 19th VIRGINIA CAVALRY. C.S.A POCAHONTAS COUNTY WEST Va.

WmL. JACKSON , COLONEL,

W m P. THOMPSON Lieut - COLONEL,

Wm L. Mc Neel, CAPTHAIN.

J. Woods Price 2ND Lieut

JOHN J. BEARD, #3rd LIEUT-

Geo W. SIPLE. 1st Lieut.

Arbogast, Paul,

Armentrout, Chas,

Bruffey, William, ( Adjutant --- )

Beard, Chas W. wounded near Winchester )

Barnett, Stephen,

Bennett, Granville,

Bennett, Levi.

Burner Chas C.

Brown Robert B. ( from Wahington )

Cackley, Wm H.

Carpenter Hugh,

Callison, Thomas H.

Cochran, Geo B.

Cochran, Samuel.

Cochran Thomas,

Coulter, Geo,

Collins Wm H.

Clark Samuel T.

Clark, James.

Dorman Hiram,

Ervin, Wm H.

Edminston, Richard M.

Edminston Abraham,

Galford, Harrison,

Galford, James,

Gay Jos C,

Gillispie, Wm

Gum John E.

Gammon, Cyrus H.

Hartman, Wm,

Hartman Peter,

Hamilton, Chas, (from Bath Co,)

Hannah, Robert,

Hevener, Uriah,

Hevener Samuel,

Hull, Joseph,

Jackson, Geo W.

Jackson, John S.

Kinnison, Wm E.

Kinnison, Nat. C. B.

Kerr, David,

Kerr, Jas D.

Kerr, Jacob,

Kerr, Andrew,

Kyle, Sinclare,

Kellison, Jos A.

Kellison Chas.

Kellison, Samuel C.

Kincaide, Anthony,

Lockridge, Jas T.

Ligon, Dr, John.

Lewis, C.M.

Lowery Robert,

Mc Neel Geo S.

McNeel Andrew G.

McNeelMathew John,

Mc Neel John A,

McDevitt John,

McCoy G, Wash-

McCoy Noah D.

Mc Laughlin Geo

McLaughlin Jas,

McCarty Dee,

Morrison Jas,

Murphy, Thos,

Overholt, Wm H.

Phillips, Geo.

Pollard Geo R.

Price, Calvin J.

Price James H.

Poage, Wm H.

Payne Wm H.

Puffenbarger, Jas-

Pullin, Adam C.

Pugh, Wilson,

Pugh. Curtis,

Ruckman, Sidney,

Ruckman Chas,

Rider, Hezekiah,

Rousy, Dr ___

Ramsey, ________

Ruckman, Jas W.

Stalling, Nicholas,

Sutton, Samuel J.

Sutton Geo D.

Slaven Lacty,

Slaven Randolph,

Sharp Henry,

Shisler, Jas.

Sheets , William,

Shiflett, Samuel,

Sharp, Andrew,

Taylor, Dr.

Umphreys, Madison,

Vanreenan, John.

Waddell Jacob,

Wilfong John,

Wilfong ,David ,

Walton Frank H.

Wilmoth Wm L.

Wilkinson, Alfred,

( Union Soldiers )

ahontas County , taken as a majority supported the Southern Confederacy. ere was no Union Coppanies organized in the County; There were but very few nion Soldiers in the Greenbank District , and only about 40 Union Soldiers in the entire County, But from Pocahontas County there were about 20 soldiers wo enlisted in the Company " I " of the 3rd West Virginia Cavalry . U.S. A. All the names that are available are as follows.

Buzzard Perry.

Barlow, Wesley.

Duncan. J.H.

Grimes, Peter H.

Grimes Frank.

Grimes Zane .B.

Gay, Alfred D.

Grimes Clark.

Hannah, J .B.

Kelly John.

Kelly, C. N.

Kelly Calvin,

Kelly W. A.

McCarty George.

Sims W .H.

Sims D K.

Sharp C W C,

Sharp Abraham,

Tyler John W,

Waugh Beverly.